Allocation for Agriculture and Rural Development

532. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the break up, item-wise, of the Budgetary allocations in 1990-91 Budget for agriculture and rural development in the country; and

(b) what is the break up item-wise, of the Budgetary allocations in 1989-90 for agriculture and rural development and what is the actual expenditure incurred on the developmental programmes stating the reasons for the short-fall, if any, in the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA). (a) The item-wise break-up of the Plan allocation made in 1990-91 Central Budget for agriculture and rural development in the country is given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 32]

(b) The item-wise Central Budgetary Plan allocations in the 1989-90 for agriculture and rural development estimated expenditure and the reasons for shortfall, wherever applicable, are given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 33]

Backward Tribal Areas in Andhra Pradesh

533. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh are economically very backward; and

(b) whether any scheme has been worked out to start developmental work in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to the estimates of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, based on the 1981 census, of the 6.35 lakhs Scheduled Tribe families in the State, 5.00 lakhs families are still living much below the poverty line. The areas in which STs reside are also deficient in infrastructure and other minimum needs.

(b) The Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) approach is under implementation in the State. Apart from assisting the ST families economically, the TSP approach aims at eliminating exploitaion, improving the infrastructure, and providing the minimum needs. An Accelerated Development Plan is being taken up by State Government from 1990-91.

Small and Marginal Farmers living Below Poverty Line in Andhra Pradesh

534. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the number of small and marginal farmers living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what development schemes have been introduced by Government for these farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) No such statistics are collected for small and marginal farmers separately.

(b) The following are some of the major Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes introduced by Government, *inter-alia*, for development of small and marginal farmers:

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).